

Senate Resolution 18 - Introduced

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1 1 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. ____
1 2 BY WILHELM
1 3 A Resolution designating March 2009 as Iowa Women's
1 4 History Month.
1 5 WHEREAS, Iowa women of every race, class, and
1 6 ethnic background have made historic contributions to
1 7 the growth and strength of our state and nation in
1 8 countless recorded and unrecorded ways, including
1 9 through the struggle for women's rights; and
1 10 WHEREAS, Iowa women have played and continue to
1 11 play a critical economic, cultural, and social role by
1 12 constituting a significant portion of the labor force
1 13 working inside and outside the home despite being
1 14 underpaid; and
1 15 WHEREAS, Iowa women were particularly important in
1 16 the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic,
1 17 and cultural institutions in our state and nation; and
1 18 WHEREAS, Iowa women and men ratified the amendment
1 19 to the Iowa Constitution, declaring that "All men and
1 20 women are, by nature, free and equal, and have certain
1 21 inalienable rights"; and
1 22 WHEREAS, Iowa women have been leaders in the
1 23 abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the
1 24 industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement,
1 25 the peace movement, and the women's suffrage movement,
1 26 which created a more fair and just society for all
1 27 people; and
1 28 WHEREAS, despite these contributions, and those of
1 29 women throughout the world, the role of women has been
1 30 consistently overlooked and undervalued, in the
2 1 literature, teaching, and study of history; NOW
2 2 THEREFORE,
2 3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate
2 4 designates the month of March 2009 as Iowa Women's
2 5 History Month and invites the citizens of Iowa to
2 6 continue to uncover, recognize, and honor the roles
2 7 women have played throughout history.
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